



Indraprastha College for Women University of Delhi

Work Plan for ODD SEMESTER – 2026

Course Name:	B.A. Hons Political Science (GEC)
Paper Title:	Ideas in Indian Political Thought
Unique Paper Code:	
Semester:	I
Faculty:	Mr. Kalyan Vemala
Year:	2026

Work Plan			
Unit No.	Learning Objective	Lecture No.	Topics to be Covered
1.	Dharma and Danda: Kautilya	1-6	Kautilya's theory of statecraft, kingship, Arthashastra, concept of Dharma and Danda.
2.	Gender: Tarabai Shinde	7-12	Tarabai Shinde's work- Stri-purush tulna, feminism, gender equality, caste & gender intersectionality, Satyashodhak Samaj.
3.	Culture and Nationalism: Vivekananda	13-19	Vivekananda's idea of nationalism and cultural awakening rooted in Vedanta.
4.	Swaraj: Gandhi	20-26	Gandhi's work Hind Swaraj, individual self-rule, decentralised governance, economic self-reliance, moral and social harmony.
5.	Nyaya: Ambedkar	27-33	Ambedkar's idea of social justice, economic justice and political justice.
6.	Hindutva: Savarkar	34-38	Savarkar's concept of Hindutva, Geographical unity, common race and common culture.
7.	Integral Humanism: Deen Dayal Upadhyaya	39-43	Upadhyaya's idea of the individual as a whole, supremacy of Dharma, Four-fold human existence, Chiti and Virat.

Unit	Contents/Syllabus
I	Dharma and Danda: Kautilya Mehta, V.R. (1992) 'The Pragmatic Vision: Kautilya and His Successor', in Foundations of Indian Political Thought, Delhi: Manohar, pp. 88- 109. Sharma, R S (2005), Aspects of Political Ideas and Institutions in Ancient India, Motilal Banarsidass, New Delhi pp 143-164
II	Gender: Tarabai Shinde O' Hanlon, Rosalind (2002) A comparison between women and men: Tarabai Shinde and the critique of Gender Relations in Colonial India. New Delhi: Oxford University Press. Lele, Jayant (1998) Gender Consciousness in Mid-Nineteenth Century Maharashtra, in Anne Feldhaus Images of women in Maharashtra Society. The University of New York Press: New York
III	Culture and Nationalism: Vivekananda Sen Amiya P. (2011), 'Vivekanand: Cultural Nationalism', in M. P. Singh and Himanshu Roy (ed.), Indian Political Thought: Themes and Thinkers Delhi. Pearson Kiggley, Dermot (1990) 'Vivekananda's western message from the East' in William Radice (ed) Swami Vivekananda and modernization of Hinduism, New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
IV	Swaraj: Gandhi Parel, A. (ed.) (2002), 'Introduction', in Gandhi, freedom and Self Rule, Delhi: Vistaar Publication. Dalton, Denis (1982) Indian Idea of freedom, Gurgaon: Academic Press, pp 154-190
V	Nyaya: Ambedkar Pantham, Thomas and Kenneth Deutsch (ed) (1986) Political Thought in Modern India, New Delhi: Sage, pp 161-175 Rodrigues, Valerian (2002) The Essential writings of B.R Ambedkar, Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp 1-44
VI	Hindutva: Savarkar 249 Savarkar, Vinayak Damodar (1922-23) Essentials of Hindutva, 1922, available at: http://savarkar.org/en/encyc/2017/5/23/2_12_12_04_essentials_of_hindutva.v001.pdf_1.pdf Sampath, Vikram (2021) Savarkar: A Contested Legacy, 1924-1966, Gurugram: Penguin Random House India
VII	Integral Humanism: Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Upadhyaya, Deendayal. (1964), Integral Humanism, Delhi: Bharatiya Jan Sangh.
S. No.	Name of Authors/Books/Publishers
1.	Mehta, V.R. (1992) Foundations of Indian Political Thought.
2.	OP Gauba- Indian Political Thought
	M. P. Singh and Himanshu Roy (ed.), Indian Political Thought: Themes and Thinkers

3.	
4.	Thomas and Kenneth Deutsch (ed) (1986) Political Thought in Modern India, New Delhi.

	Paper Components		
Credits	Lecture (L)	Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
4	3	1	
Assessment Scheme			
S.No.	Component	Marking Scheme	Total Marks
1	Internal Assessment - Assignment - Class Test - Attendance		30
		12	
		12	
		6	
2.	Continuous Assessment (Tutorial) - Activity 1 - Activity 2 - Attendance		40
		15	
		20	
		5	
3.	Practical - Continuous Assessment - End Term Written/Practical Exam - Viva		NA
		NA	
		NA	
		NA	
4.	End Semester Examination		